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Council OK's $3.5 million bond for new senior

Ashley Lawrence
Staff Writer

Romulus City Council members approved the issuance of $3.5 million in bonds to build a new senior citizen community center.

"This is a great day for the citizens of Romulus, especially for the seniors in this community. They deserve this new facility," said Mayor Alan Lambert.

The new center, which will be built directly behind the current senior center located on Grant Road, is well on the way to becoming a reality, according to Tim Keyes, the Romulus economic development director.

"Plans for the center have already been submitted and we are looking to possibly break ground as early as October," said Keyes.

The funds to build the center will not be coming from taxpayers, something Lambert said he is very pleased about.

"People are hurting right now, so I am thrilled that the money to build this new center will be coming from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) fund," said Lambert. "It allows us to build this facility, but not take money out of the pockets of our residents."

The new senior center has been in the works for more than a year and is long overdue, according to Linda Norman, the senior citizens coordinator.

"It will be a big asset to the seniors in this community," said Norman. "You can walk through the building we are in and now and realize how badly we need this new center. This place is in bad shape right now."

Norman said she hopes to reach a number of new seniors once in the new center.

"We are so limited to how many programs we can offer to our seniors because of our current location and space," she said. "But hopefully at the new center with all the increased space, we will be able to offer a number of different activities to help the seniors stay active."

Helping the seniors stay active is also a concern for Lambert, who said he is happy that more seniors will be able to be active in the community.

"The most important thing is getting the seniors out of their homes and keeping them active in the community," said Lambert. "For that reason alone this new center will help so many seniors in Romulus."

Keyes said that if their current schedule holds up, construction on the new center could begin as early as this fall.

"It all depends on the weather, truthfully," he said. "If the weather holds up and they are able to have the new building at least enclosed by the time the snow comes, they will be able to work on it through the winter

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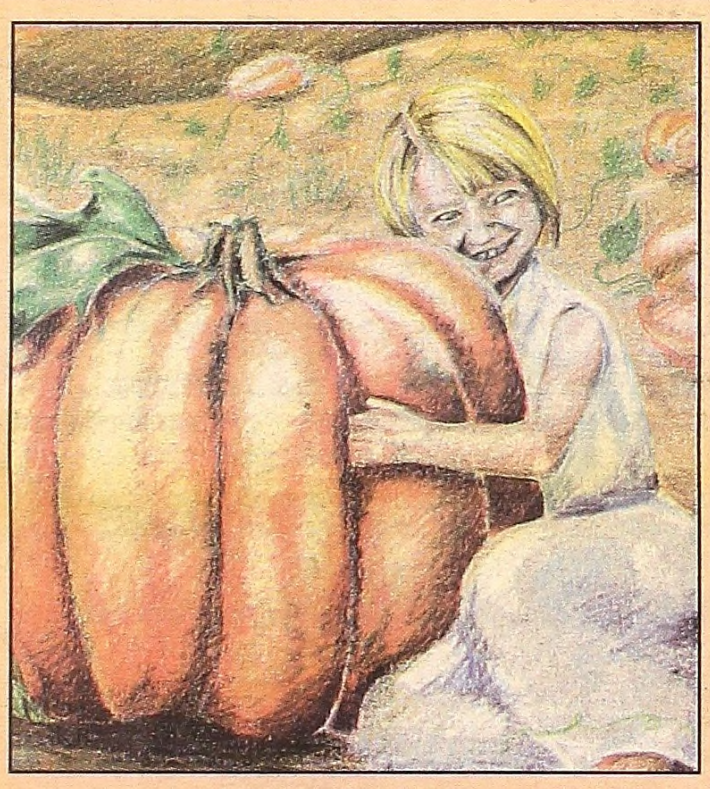

Designs on their minds

With just a month to go, city officials are putting the finishing touches on plans for the 2004 Pumpkin Festival. Kristina Rafalski's drawing will grace the cover of the official Pumpkin Festival book. Second place winner John Freeman will see his drawing on buttons and third place winner Lauren Block's creation will be the cover of the cookbook this year.

Romulus man released in Inkster arson, murder case

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Inkster Police sources say a Romulus man initially thought to be involved in the arson-murder that claimed the life of a popular local businessman on Aug. 12 is no longer a suspect.

The 19-year-old man, however, was released to other law enforcement agencies in response to existing warrants that are unrelated to the fire at Alexander's Gun Range, said Inkster Police Det. Lt. Kevin Smith.

"We determined he was not a suspect in this case, but we're following two other very promising leads at this time," Smith said. "Because we're getting a lot of help on this one, we have the time to go through everything meticulously. We're leaving no stone unturned."

Currently, detectives are working the case around the clock to find out who is responsible for the death of Clyde Alexander, 54, the co-owner of the gun range. The inferno that engulfed the gun shop began at about 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 3, according to police reports. After firefighters worked for about 4 hours to put the out the blaze, Alexander's body was discovered tied up in what used to be the office.

Inkster Cmdr. Greg Hill said accelerants at the scene indicated that an assailant likely started the fire to cover up the attack. He added last week that he believes more than one perosn perpetrated the attack and the theft of nearly 40 guns from the store.

Police initially arrested the Romulus man after an anonymous tipster reported that the suspect was allegedly selling guns from a home in Inkster. The man had outstanding warrants from Wayne County Friend of the Court and the City of Dearborn Heights, Hill said.

Council rejects plea to move World War I Memorial

Ashley Lawrence
Staff Writer

The flagpole and World War I monument at the corner of Shook and Goddard roads will stay where they are for now, to the dismay of Bill Crane.

Crane, owner of Crane Funeral Home and a member of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA), requested permission from the city council to relocate the landmark to the new expansion in Historic Park.

"This is a piece of history in our downtown," said Councilman Bill Wadsworth. "There was a time when people stood there and dedicated this piece of property for this plaque."

The plaque is a memorial to the Romulus servicemen who died fighting in World War I. It was dedicated by a group of Romulus women who called themselves the Sunshine Club about 75 years ago. The plaque sits at the base of the flagpole and is shadowed by an American flag at the top.

Crane said that he has been the one that has taken the time to make sure the monument is in good condition.

"If you didn't know it was here, you would drive right by," said Crane. "It shouldn't be that way. We should make monuments like this stand out in our community. They shouldn't blend in."

Crane said the monument, which was first erected in 1918, has since lost its luster. The plaque commemorating the soldiers is rusting from the constant spray of salt it receives during the winter months and the concrete block has been scribbled with graffiti throughout the years.

Crane said he decided last April to take it upon himself to erect a proper monument for these soldiers. With the permission of the city administration he took down the plaque and began to restore it to the original condition.

Crane voiced concerns about the manner in which the monument and flagpole have been cared for through the years by the City of Romulus. He said he believes that if it weren't for him constantly making sure that the monument is cleaned, it would never get done. He also complained that the light supposed to shine on the flag at night has actually been out for the last 8 months.

Although the members of the city council expressed appreciation to Crane for all that he has done for the monument, they did not agree with him that the mon-

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The flagpole and World War I memorial at the corner of Shook and Goddard roads has been a landmark in downtown Romulus since 1918.

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Star search

Next area super star sought during Wayne County Fair talent show

Andrea King
Staff Writer

It may not be '*American Idol*', but the Wayne County Fair is looking for the next superstar from Michigan.

The Wayne County Fair in Belleville will continue to host the sixth annual talent search throughout the week.

Today at 6 p.m., the adult division—ages 30 and older—will compete for first, second or third place. The adult division will follow the junior and senior division that took place earlier this week.

Tomorrow, the competition is open to all ages. Saturday the search ends and winners will be announced.

Carla Gibson, talent show director, said that this annual event brings out participants from all over Michigan.

"Most people think that you have to be from the area to be in the competition, but you don't," she said. "This competition draws in people from Flint, Lansing, Sterling Heights and many other cities around Michigan."

Participants, she said, have made a huge splash in past shows. Area singers—Tommi Williams, Ricki Smith, Sarah Lenore, Rachel Williams, Kelsey Young, Gerry Reid, Al Lopez and Alyssa Simmons—are just some of the performers who have grown success from the Wayne County Fair. Tommi Williams has performed on TV shows such as *Good Morning America* and the Detroit Fireworks, Reid is currently touring the country with former New Kids on the Block member Jordan Knight, Lopez is signed with Renegade Records and Rachel Williams has performed on country music television shows such as *Nashville Star 2*.

> *I also like to get the winners involved with performances at the Michigan County Fair and the Belleville National Strawberry Festival.*
>
> **Carla Gibson**

Prizes for each of the four divisions include: $200 and a trophy for first place, $100 and a trophy for second place and $50 and a trophy for third place. Gibson said that all kinds of talents are welcome.

"I also like to get the winners involved with performances at the Michigan County Fair and the Belleville National Strawberry Festival," she said.

Gibson said that all the judges are somehow tied to the music and entertainment industry. Performers will be judged on generic categories including appearance, stage presence, rhythm and expression. But, she added that it's really not what the talent search is about.

"I'm really happy with the way the competition has turned out the past 6 years," said Gibson. "My daughter, April, is a singer so I know how important it is to have this available for the kids in the area. I try to keep it as non-competitive as possible because it's an outlet for them. It's not about winning. It's about showcasing your talents to your friends and family."

Westland police unions, city help officer called to active duty in Kuwait

Scott Spielman
Editor

Officer Tim Horvath got the call he'd half been expecting last week.

An Air Force reservist, he's being called up for active duty. In fact, he left yesterday for an assignment in Kuwait.

Horvath, who has worked for the Westland Police Department since November of 2002, said he won't have to worry about providing for his family while he's gone, though. The City of Westland, the police department and the police unions saw to that.

In the short time since he learned he would have to leave his wife and daughter, they put together an agreement that was approved unanimously Monday night by the Westland City Council.

The agreement stipulates that the city will make up the difference between Horvath's pay in the military and the amount he would have received as a police officer, so his family wouldn't suffer any financial hardships.

Horvath said he's had plenty of other offers of support, too. He attended the city council meeting Monday night, and several people approached him to say they would be willing to help out during his deployment.

"I've had an endless stream of phone calls," he said.

Horvath is an aero-medical technician, or a medic for the Air Force. He received the call last Tuesday, just eight days before he would have to leave. He'll be assigned to Kuwait for a tour of duty that could end in October or could last a year. The agreement with the city is good for one year.

Police Chief Dan Pfannes said he appreciated the way the administration and the union worked together to make sure Horvath's family would be provided for.

Horvath shrugged off the attention he received Monday night, when a contingency of his fellow officers attended the meeting to show their further support. After the agreement was announced and approved, everyone in the crowded meeting room at city hall rose to give the embarrassed officer a standing ovation.

"It's just a part of my job," he said. "The real heroes are the ones that are already over there."

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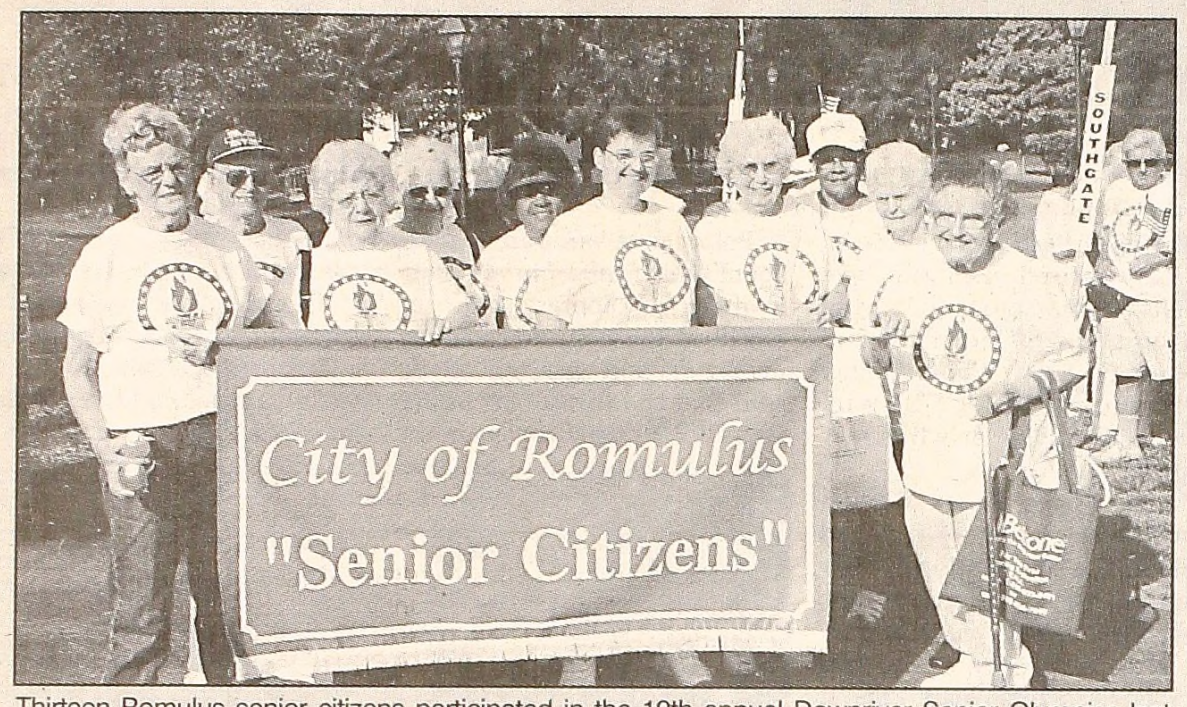

Thirteen Romulus senior citizens participated in the 19th annual Downriver Senior Olympics last week. Five of the participants brought home a total of 11 medals from the games this year.

5 Senior Olympians bring home medals

Ashley Lawrence
Staff Writer

Romulus residents, like people across the country, are gathered around televisions watching athletes compete for medals during the summer Olympic games.

But for five Romulus residents, winning medals at the Olympics is not a dream, it's a reality.

Five residents brought home a total of 11 medals during the 19th annual Downriver Senior Olympic Games last week in Taylor.

"This event is a great thing for the seniors in our community," said Linda Norman, the Romulus senior citizens coordinator. "Not only does it get people up and moving, it also allows them to compete. And trust me, these people are still competitive."

The games, which last for a week, bring together seniors from more than 17 communities in the downriver area to compete in activities they know a lot about, said Norman.

Shirley Callahan brought home two gold medals, one in the soccer kick competition and another in horseshoes. Paul Dorman, also brought home two gold medals in the frisbee toss and bowling. Eileen James brought home a gold medal in the darts competition and a bronze medal in the soccer kick.

Joann Hewitt brought home the gold in bowling, while Katherine McCraight was the big Romulus winner, scoring two silver medals in the softball throw and darts competitions and bringing home the gold in the soccer kick.

Sandy Bell won a bronze medal in the darts competition this year, but medals are nothing new to Bell.

"Last year I won the gold in the darts contest," said Bell. "Every time I have competed in the games, I have won a medal."

Residents also participated in the ring toss, euchre, ping-pong, pinochle, shuffleboard, bocce ball and the basketball shoot.

Norman said she is proud of the participation in the games from the seniors in the community, no matter which sport they chose.

"When I first took over about 9 years ago, there were really only card players going to the senior Olympics," she said. "But we wanted to change that. We wanted to give the seniors more to chose from, thinking that more would participate that way and we were right."

Now, there are a number of seniors that compete every year in a number of different events, including Bell.

"Yeah, they went and bought all this stuff for us to practice with," said Bell. "So we would go outside and practice, sometimes every day."

But Norman said that the games are so much more than just a competition for the seniors.

"The most important thing for seniors is to stay active, because if you don't move it you will lose it," she said. "These games give some people something to look forward to and a reason to get up and out of their homes and stay active."

During the Olympics, the seniors are split up into four age groups; Norman said this makes it fair for the competitors.

"By splitting them up into specific age groups, it makes it so that they are competing against their peers," she said. "It wouldn't be fair for a 55-year-old man to compete against a 85-year-old man. We want them to have fun out there and it seems that we accomplish that goal."

Other Romulus residents who participated in the games this year include: Dolores Wands, Patrick Withrow, Mickey Durham, Jerry Reynolds, Barbara Ann Sauer, Marleen Allen, Helen Carroll, Dennis Hackett, Ruth Bierl, Ruth McGoldrick and Dorothy Woldt.

School business director recieves award

Ashley Lawrence
Staff Writer

Bill Routhier

Bill Routhier, the director of finance and business for the Romulus Community Schools, was recently honored by the Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO) organization.

He received the designation of Registered School Business Administrator (RSBA) from the ASBO.

This program promotes improvement in the quality of school business management and encourages excellence among members.

Recipients of the RSBA title must meet or exceed strict criteria, which include earning a degree in higher education, maintaining membership in ASBO, having a significant impact as a school business administrator and receiving a letter of recommendation from the Superintendent of Schools Joel Carr.

He also has the support and admiration of many school officials, including Tom Dolan, curriculum director.

"He is very deserving of this honor," said Dolan. "He provides a fiscal focus that helps create positive change in the Romulus schools."

Routhier has been the director of business and finance since 2000. He had previously worked for the Dearborn, Taylor and Westwood school districts.

According to a school official, Routhier helped lead the Romulus district through the 1999, $34 million bond program and oversaw the construction of Romulus Elementary School. He was also involved in the bringing the new swimming pool complex at Romulus High School, as well as the new football stadium, ball fields and the auditorium renovations.

Routhier also supervised the new technology installations throughout the district and implemented the new district wide phone system. He was additionally involved in the refinancing of several debt levies that resulted in millions of savings to Romulus taxpayers, Dolan said.

Memorial

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ument should be moved.

"It is the only flag we have downtown and I think more people will see and walk by this monument every day if it stays downtown," said Wadsworth.

Other members of the community also commented on the proposed relocation.

"Coming from a military family, I was taught as a child to appreciate with gratitude and, most of all, respect to our service men and women," said Jane Lemon, a resident of Porter Street. "The moving of this World War I monument is unthinkable. This memorial is a constant reminder of what freedom is all about."

Phil Renke, a former member of the planning commission, agreed with Lemon. "You don't fool with history," he said. " I don't think we should move a historical site."

Renke went on to dispute the claims of Crane regarding the maintenance and upkeep of the monument.

Crane, who has already spent 15 to 20 hours restoring the plaque, said that he would no longer take care of the monument.

The city council took no action on the request and the flagpole and memorial will remain at the current site.

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months."

Keyes said the full project is expected to be completed in 12 to 14 months.

While the senior center will be moving, the Romulus Recreation Department will also find a home in the new center.

Currently, the recreation department is connected to the senior center, sharing a common room for activities throughout the year.

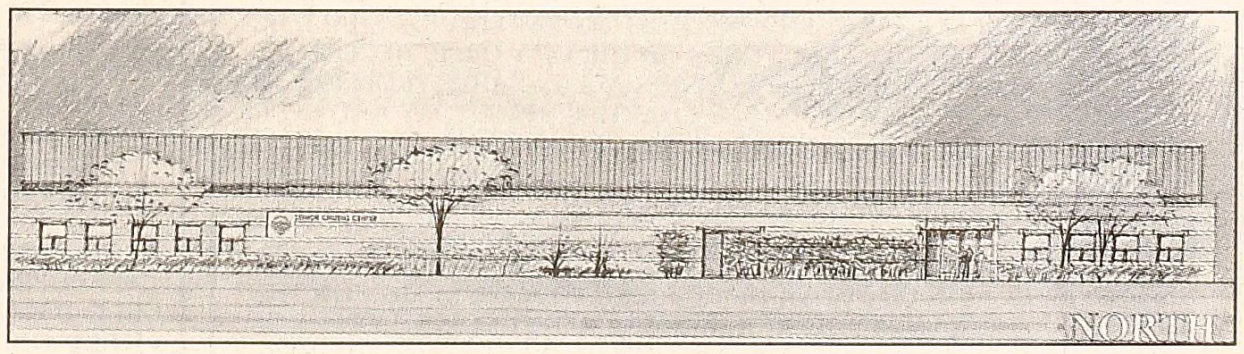
However, with the construction of the new senior center, the recreation department will also be moving and obtain more space.

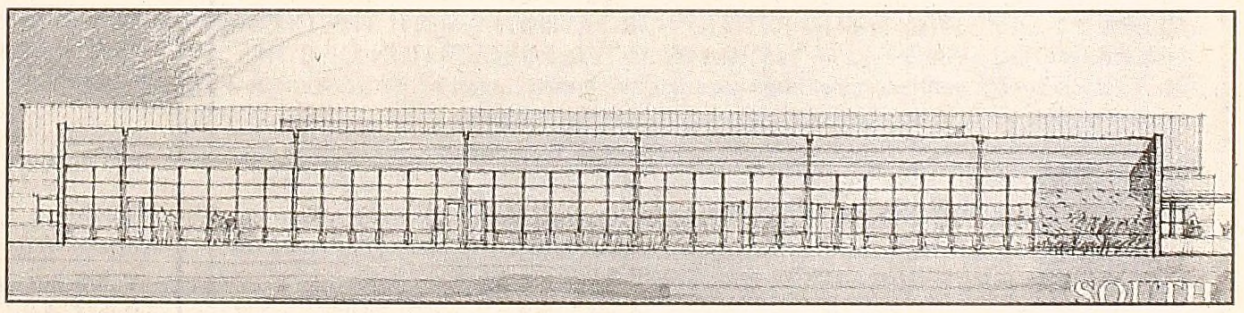
"Right now, we just want to be able to get them some more room for programs and activities," said Lambert. "Our goal in the next couple of years is to also build a new recreation center, but for right now they will have a space in the new senior center."

Although the two will be housed in the same building, they will no longer be connected, said Keyes.

"They will both have their own entrances," he said. "Nothing like the way it stands today."

The building that currently houses the two departments will be torn down after the new building is ready for occupancy and used as the parking lot for the center.





The preliminary design for the new senior center was created by HarleyEllis and will feature a number of new features for the seniors to enjoy.

College chancellor receives gift of special portrait

Never underestimate the power of two strong, intelligent women.

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The latest accomplishment of Liz Potter and Muriel Van Patten will decorate the halls of the Downtown Campus of Wayne County Community College District. The pair decided last summer when Van Patten, a well-regarded and popular artist, donated an oil painting commemorating the tragedy of Sept. 11, to the college, that it was time for a formal oil painting of current Chancellor Dr. Curtis Ivery.

Recently, the completed portrait was unveiled to the surprise and delight of Ivery and his staff.

Far from the usual, staid, staged portraits, the painting of Ivery shows him sitting at his desk in a relaxed, comfortable manner. Van Patten is a well-known name in both the art world and in Michigan education. She was a Wayne-Westland teacher who became a principal, a state-education officer and head of the Michigan Department of Education Curriculum, not once but twice.

Now retired in Florida, she visits her hometown of Wayne often and sees her friend of nearly 50 years, Wayne County Community College District Trustee Liz Potter whenever possible.

Potter was also a Wayne-Westland teacher who loved music and art. Following her retirement as an educator, she was elected a trustee of the college district where she has served for several years. She is also known throughout the area for her involvement in local musical productions, as a piano teacher and performer and for her participation with the Sweet Adelines.

When the pair decided that a portrait of the chancellor was needed, they obtained his permission for Van Patten to sketch him in his office during an afternoon last year. Then, later, Potter took several Polaroid photos of Ivery to send to her friend who had gone to France to paint in Monet's gardens for the summer.

Potter and Van Patten joke about their friendship of a half century, and confess that it is based in their mutual love of music, art and children. Both said that the furthering of art education in schools has always been a mutual goal and a strongly shared interest.

"Without art, there really is nothing. Art teaches everything, mathematics, language...all of it can be found in art. It is the key to learning," Van Patten said.

The portrait will hang in the chancellor's office.

Wayne County Community College Chancellor Dr. Curtis Ivery, right, was presented with a portrait of himself completed by well-known artist Muriel Van Patten, left, and her life-long friend Liz Potter, center.

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EXHIBIT A

OFFICIAL NOTICE TO ELECTORS AND TAXPAYERS OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS OF INTENT TO ISSUE BONDS SECURED BY THE TAXING POWER OF THE CITY AND RIGHT OF REFERENDUM THEREON

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Romulus, County of Wayne, Michigan, intends to issue and sell one or more series of general obligation limited tax bonds of the City in total principal amount of not to exceed Three Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ($3,500,000) for the purpose of paying the cost to acquire, construct, furnish and equip a new senior citizen community center and related site improvements to be located within the boundaries of the City of Romulus Downtown Development Authority (the "DDA"). The bonds shall mature serially in not to exceed thirty (30) annual installments, with interest payable on the unpaid balance at a rate of not to exceed 7% per annum or such higher rate as may be permitted by law.

SOURCE OF PAYMENT OF BONDS

THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE LIMITED TAX GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS shall be payable primarily from anticipated tax increment revenues derived within the DDA and the bonds shall also pledge the limited tax full faith and credit of the City of Romulus.

IN THE CASE OF T14E INSUFFICIENCY OF SAID TAX INCREMENT REVENUES, THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS SHALL BE PAYABLE FROM THE GENERAL FUNDS OF THE CITY OR, IF NECESSARY, FROM AD VALOREM TAXES LEVIED UPON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE CITY, SUBJECT TO APPLICABLE CHARTER, STATUTORY AND CONSTITUTIONAL LIMITATIONS.

RIGHT OF REFERENDUM

THE BONDS WILL BE ISSUED WITHOUT A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS UNLESS A PETITION OR PETITIONS REQUESTING AN ELECTION ON THE QUESTION OF ISSUING THE BONDS, SIGNED BY NOT LESS THAN 10% OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS IN THE CITY, IS FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK BY DEPOSITING SAID PETITION OR PETITIONS WITH THE CITY CLERK WITHIN FORTY-FIVE (45) DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. If such a petition or petitions are filed, the bonds cannot be issued without an approving vote by a majority of electors voting on the question.

THIS NOTICE is given pursuant to the requirements of Section 5(g) of Act 279, Public Acts of Michigan, 1909, as amended.

Linda Choate
City Clerk

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NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION
VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
COUNTIES OF WAYNE AND WASHTENAW, STATE OF MICHIGAN

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Special School Election of the School District will be held on Tuesday, September 28, 2004.

TAKE NOTICE that the following shall be voted upon by the electors at the special election to be held on Tuesday, September 28, 2004:

Shall Van Buren Public Schools, Counties of Wayne and Washtenaw, State of Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed $150,000,000 and issue its unlimited tax general obligation bonds therefore, for the purpose of defraying all or part of the cost of:

Purchasing land, developing, improving a site, and constructing, erecting, equipping, including equipping for technology and technology improvements, and furnishing thereon, a new Belleville High School facility, including athletic fields and related structures; site preparation, development, and improvement of the existing Belleville High School facility and site for remodeling, erecting, constructing, furnishing, and equipping, including equipping for technology and technology improvements, thereon of a facility and additions to become South Middle School; site preparation, development and improvement, including preparation, development, and improvement of playfields and athletic fields, remodeling, erecting, and constructing new additions, preparing, and improving the existing site, furnishing, re-furnishing, and equipping and re-equipping, including equipping and re-equipping for technology and technology improvements for North Middle School; site preparation, development, and improvement of the existing South Middle School facility and site for remodeling, erecting, constructing, furnishing, and equipping, including equipping for technology and technology improvements thereon of a facility to become the District's Alternative Education Program facility; equipping and re-equipping for technology and technology improvements, including remodeling for technology, school buildings, the early childhood development center, maintenance/bus compound, administrative building, and transportation building?

The bond may be issued in series, with the maximum number of years any series of the bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of any refunding, not to exceed thirty (30) years. The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in the year 2004 is 2.27 mills ($2.27 per $ 1,000 of taxable valuation), with a levy of 4.54 mills ($4.54 per $ 1,000 of taxable valuation) for 2005. The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond is 3.19 mills ($3.19 per $1,000 of taxable valuation).

THE LAST DAY ON WHICH PERSONS MAY REGISTER WITH THE APPROPRIATE CITY OR TOWNSHIP CLERKS, IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE SPECIAL SCHOOL ELECTION CALLED TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2004, IS MONDAY, AUGUST 30, 2004. PERSONS REGISTERING AFTER 5 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING ON MONDAY, AUGUST 30, 2004 ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE SPECIAL SCHOOL ELECTION.

Persons planning to register with the respective city or township clerks must ascertain the days and hours on which the clerks' offices are open for registration.

This Notice is given by order of the Board of Education.

Victor A. Hogan, Secretary
Board of Education

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OPINION

Time to move along

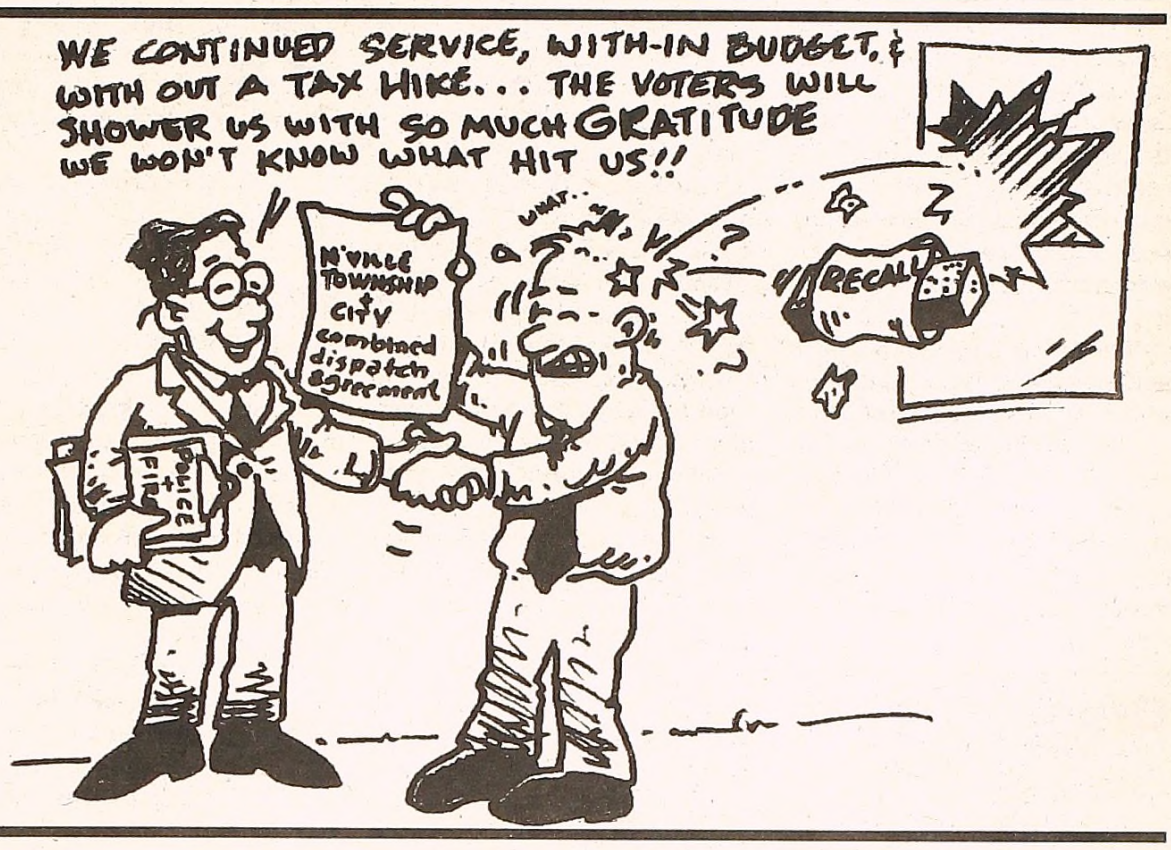
It's truly an unfortunate incident when a charitable organization is touched with scandal, as recently happened with the Wayne-Ford Civic League.

It's difficult for any organization to overcome the stigma attached to it afterward, and that's particularly true for an organization that depends on the goodwill of the community for donations.

It's safe to say that Neal Greenfield, former president of the Wayne-Ford Civic League, has made some mistakes in the recent past. His attempt to block a restraining order keeping him from the league building and from carrying on business for the organization would be another one.

Unfortunately, if his true desire is to work toward the betterment of the community, he should step aside, deal with his problems and attempt to make a fresh start at a later date. We wish him the best of luck as he deals with his personal issues and hope he will some day be able to recover from the ordeal, however self-imposed, he has been through in recent weeks.

Right now, though, the league needs new leadership. It needs a fresh face, a new group dedicated to pursuing the charitable efforts for which it was founded. It's the best thing for the organization and it's the best thing for the community.



Government by intimidation

Northville City Councilman Jerry Mittman has a phrase for an unfortunate trend that has popped up recently in Northville.

Government by intimidation.

It's cropped up during the debate on the proposed expansion of the school at Our Lady of Victory, when both sides – the church and the neighbors – sued the city and officials over some aspect of the decision.

It surfaced more recently, when four of the five members of the Northville City Council were informed last week that there was a recall effort against them.

Language for the petitions has been submitted to Oakland and Wayne counties, where a judge will review them for legal clarity. If they are approved, they will then be circulated throughout the city for signatures. If there are enough signatures on the petitions, a recall election will be scheduled in the fall.

So what did these four city council members – Mayor Christopher Johnson, Mayor pro-tem Carolann Ayers, Mittman and Councilman Kevin Hartshorne – do to provoke the ire of the petition-pushing group?

They approved a contract with Northville Township to out-source the public safety dispatch and lock up services. Under the agreement, the city would pay a flat fee for those services, which would be performed by the township. The city won't have to pay for any equipment upgrades that would otherwise have been necessary.

It's something that has taken place in other communities, most notably the City of Plymouth, and it's always undertaken for one reason and one reason only: to provide the same services while keeping down costs. Municipalities throughout the state will have to look at these types of issues as they try to do more with less money.

It's easy to forget, sometimes, that our elected officials essentially think like we do. In a small city like Northville, they all have essentially the same goal, to maintain the character of the community while properly planning for the future. For some reason, there's the thought that when people are elected to an office, no matter how 'important,' they forfeit the community-minded goals that caused them to seek office in the first place.

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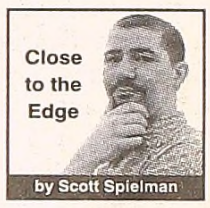
Do unto others, indeed



"You can see we're perplexed," said Jay Wendt, chair of the City of Northville Planning Commission, after a long silence at a special meeting last Tuesday.

The issue on the table, a proposed expansion at Our Lady of Victory parish, had been discussed three ways to Sunday during the past several months. It's been the topic of public hearings, internet postings and, eventually, lawsuits.

In fact it was one of those lawsuits that led to the special meeting last week. The commissioners had been all but told that they had to make a decision on a preliminary or final site plan approval for the project, which would locate an expanded school across the street from the current, 50-year-old building. When the issue last came up, attorneys for the church threatened to sue the city if the commission tabled the issue. The commission tabled it, the city was sued and the individual planning commissioners were named in the suit.

I admit, I was a bit perplexed, myself.

It was the first meeting on this topic that I attended, and it was probably not a good place to jump into the water, so to speak. But jump I did, and it didn't take me long to figure out what the neighbors of the church and school were so concerned about.

First of all, this takes place in a quiet, residential neighborhood, with the nearest major street several blocks away. The neighbors complained that it was already busy enough: an overcrowded school, with limited busing, translates into a traffic nightmare at the beginning and the end of the school day, not to mention on weekends during any one of the five masses that take place. Any expansion would, theoretically, compound those problems. Then there was the classification of the gymnasium structure, which representatives from the church refused to clarify. It sounds like a small issue, but if it's just a gymnasium, it requires fewer parking spaces than, say, a church outreach center.

Add in the concerns the commissioners had with traffic flow inside the site, the safety concerns for children crossing the road or walking along a sidewalk directly adjacent to a soon-to-be busy street – with no grass buffer between the two – and it seems to me that they had enough to send the plan back to the drawing board.

But then, there's that lawsuit.

I don't care what anybody says, it's a far different thing to know your decision may result in litigation than it is to look down on a legal document and see your name printed there. It may not be printed in throbbing bold type, but it sure looks like it. It's a strong-arm tactic, and in this case, it worked. Planning Commissioner Nancy Chiri even asked to be excused from the discussion, although that's not the reason she gave.

In that sense, it's understandable to see why the meeting took so long; it didn't start on time because Wendt was talking with planning consultants to see if there were a way to satisfy everyone. It was delayed in the middle by an executive session that took about an hour and a half, through which everyone in the audience talked about their views on the projects and my thoughts gradually drifted from being able to spend time with my family that night to merely making last call.

It's understandable that nobody wanted to make the motion to reject the site plan and it's understandable that the motion to approve the preliminary site plan took several minutes and input from three whis-

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Work your memory, not your muscles

There's a stereotype that as people get older they automatically start losing their ability to remember things. I've always felt that everyone loses their memory from time to time, no matter what age they are. Just look at the tests a 16-year-old kid flunks here and there.

To my mind, it's a big mistake to accept that just because we're getting older, we necessarily will start forgetting things more often.

We can all keep our memories sharp by challenging ourselves to remember things. You can practice memorizing anything, really, but it's always more fun if it's something you're interested in. (I, personally, like to memorize poems, Bible verses, and bits of Shakespeare.) You can buy inexpensive memory games, find them for free on the Internet, and even create your own.

Memorization can be a lot of fun and it's one of the best ways to give your mind a mental workout - no matter how old you are.

And please remember to take care of your health before it's lonngggg gone!

Ernie Harwell, "the voice of the Detroit Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 86, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with "Miss Lulu," his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns entitled "Life After Baseball," is available at local bookstores or by calling 1-800-245-5082.

Letters

Parents thank fire fighters

To the editor;

As the parents of a girl with Merosin Deficiency, we know firsthand how important the Muscular Dystrophy Association's (MDA) work is to families like ours. We also know that MDA couldn't offer its wonderful programs without the dedicated support of the fire fighters in our community and across the country.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the inauguration of the International Association of Fire Fighters' partnership with MDA. In Metro Detroit, members of some 50 Locals help enable MDA to offer my family hope through research and help through quality medical care and assistance with obtaining medical equipment.

Across the country, fire fighters raise tens of millions of dollars each year through Fill-the-Boot campaigns, softball tournaments, bowl-a-thons and other special events. These funds help support some 400 research teams worldwide and 230 MDA clinics, including clinics at Children's Hospital, the Michigan Institute for Neurological Disorders, and Wayne State University/Harper University Hospital. They also send my daughter, Natalie, and more than 4,000 other youngsters to MDA summer camps, where they have great fun.

The strength and support MDA has given Natalie means more than I can say. Whenever you see fire fighters in the Detroit area, remember they're not only saving lives while they're doing their jobs; they're also helping to save and improve the lives of Natalie and other people with neuromuscular diseases in our community.

Steve, Cecile and Natalie Lomske
Northville

New supervisor expresses thanks

I want to thank the residents who took time to vote. Their participation showed a willingness to keep the township moving forward in a positive direction. Thank you to all previous supervisors and elected officials who have laid the foundation for what we have in Plymouth Township today. A special thanks to all the exceptional volunteers and supporters who helped with the campaign.

I plan to spend the next months working with current officials to gain valuable experience that will allow for a fast start in November. I look forward to serving you during the next four years as Plymouth Township Supervisor.

Richard Reaume,
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pering commissioners.

Personally, I can't see why anyone would want to try to cram a school on about 3.5 acres of property, anyway. I don't care how new or nice it looks, it seems like it be a much tougher sell than a school in an upscale district with a dedicated playground, athletic fields and plenty of parking. But that usually takes about 18 acres – just ask a public school administrator.

I also have a hard time when an organization that should be teaching people to strive for a higher moral ground: 'do unto others...', 'turn the other cheek,' etc. resorts to such apparently harsh tactics. It may not be the end of the neighborhood, but it certainly signifies the end of neighborliness, which is just as crucial a factor when discussing the quality of life. Nobody likes a bully for a neighbor, no matter how big and nice their house may look.

The whole situation is a shame on many levels, particularly the neighboring residents, themselves. They'll be forced to pay for this: they'll pay the attorney representing them in a case against the city, and their tax dollars will go to defend the city against their own case, and the one from the church.

Wendt had another good quote about the situation that had been relatively congenial until the commission was slapped with lawsuits that he said may have changed the way they thought.

"I had thought the residents, the city and the applicants could have all worked together," he said. "I'd like to sat that we could all smile at each other and say we'd done our best, but that may be a dream."

Threat

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The members of the council did nothing wrong here. They merely looked at financial trends and attempted to plot the best course of action. In a perfect world, they surely would have liked to keep these services in the city. But, since municipal government is never a perfect world, and because the services could be offered for less with a virtually seamless transition, it made sense.

Things like the threat of lawsuits or recalls are actually detrimental to the political process. Who would want to take office knowing these things may hang over any decision they make, no matter how good the intentions are behind it? The right way to be a part of the process is being vocal and active throughout it – as both sides have done in this case – not to take umbrage with the people who don't agree with you.

A recall election is rarely good for a community. In a place like Northville, where members of the council have in some cases served the city in some capacity for two decades, it would be disastrous.

The timing of the effort is unfortunate, too, because it comes at a time when the Northville Township Board of Trustees is set to vote on the issue. Hopefully, it won't stop members of that board from doing what they think is right for the community.

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Area mourns loss of Congressman William Ford

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

A champion of workers rights and an advocate for a better educational system is how many on Capitol Hill and in Wayne County are remembering Congressman William D. Ford, who died Aug. 14 at the age of 77.

Mr. Ford was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives from 1965 to 1995 representing Michigan's 15th and 13th Congressional Districts, which at different times represented citizens living in the Cities of Wayne, Inkster, Romulus and Garden City.

The oldest child of Scottish immigrants, Mr. Ford was the first member of his family to attend college. Following service in the U.S. Navy during World War II, he attended classes at the University of Denver on the G.I. Bill, where he studied law. The world of politics fascinated him and he eventually became active in the Michigan Democratic Party.

Prior to serving in Congress, Mr. Ford served as city attorney of Melvindale and as an attorney and justice of the peace for the city of Taylor. He also was a delegate to the Michigan Constitutional Convention and a member of the Michigan State Senate.

Congressman John Dingell (D – Dearborn) worked on several initiatives with Mr. Ford and remembered him fondly.

"Bill Ford was a proud liberal," he said in a statement. "To him, the word liberal was not a bad word; he believed that the government has an obligation to give its citizens a chance at success. He worked every day of his life to be the champion of the working poor and the middle class.

"Michigan is a better place because of the work and dedication of William D. Ford. His life left its mark on our state, his death is a tremendous loss."

During his 30-year tenure, Mr. Ford served as Chairman of the House Committee on Post Office and Civil Service and as Chairman of the House Committee on Education and Labor. He was the author of the Middle Income Student Assistance Act, a program that makes higher education affordable to prospective students by providing government-funded loans at reasonable interest rates.

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> **Congressman John Dingell**

Mr. Ford is credited with orchestrating the Plant Closing Act, which requires companies to give communities notice regarding a plant closing, and the Family Medical Leave Act of 1993, which requires employers to provide six weeks of unpaid leave time to care for family members while they are ill.

An advocate of federal compensatory education programs to serve educationally disadvantaged children, he was an original sponsor of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965. In 1994, The Federal Direct Student Loan program was named for him in recognition of his efforts to expand educational opportunities for students and lower the cost of education for them.

State Rep. Jim Plakas (D – Garden City) worked for Mr. Ford in the 1960s and said he will be remembered mostly for his work on behalf of education in Michigan. "He really cared that all kids get a fair and equitable education," he said. "It's because of him that we have some of things we do in Michigan and in the United States."

Another cause Mr. Ford worked for was workplace health and safety, most likely because his father died in a workplace accident while Mr. Ford was a young man.

Mr. Ford is survived by three children, William D, Ford Jr., Margaret Ford VanVleet and John Ford; three grandchildren, a sister, Janet Ford, and a brother, Robert Ford. Memorial services are being planned for Michigan and Washington, DC.

Benefit golf scramble tees off next month

Employees of the Belleville Chiropractic Wellness Clinic are doing their part to benefit the children of the community by hosting a golf scramble to generate $30,000 for new school playground equipment.

The event will take place Sept. 19 at the Fox Hill Country Club, 8768 North Territorial in Plymouth. Registration begins at noon and golfing will begin with a shotgun start at 1:30 p.m. Donations made will include: lunch at the turn of the tournament, non-alcoholic beverages on the course, chipping, closest to the pin and longest drive contests, prizes, raffles, a 50/50 drawing and a steak dinner. Dinner for non-golfers will be available at 6 p.m.

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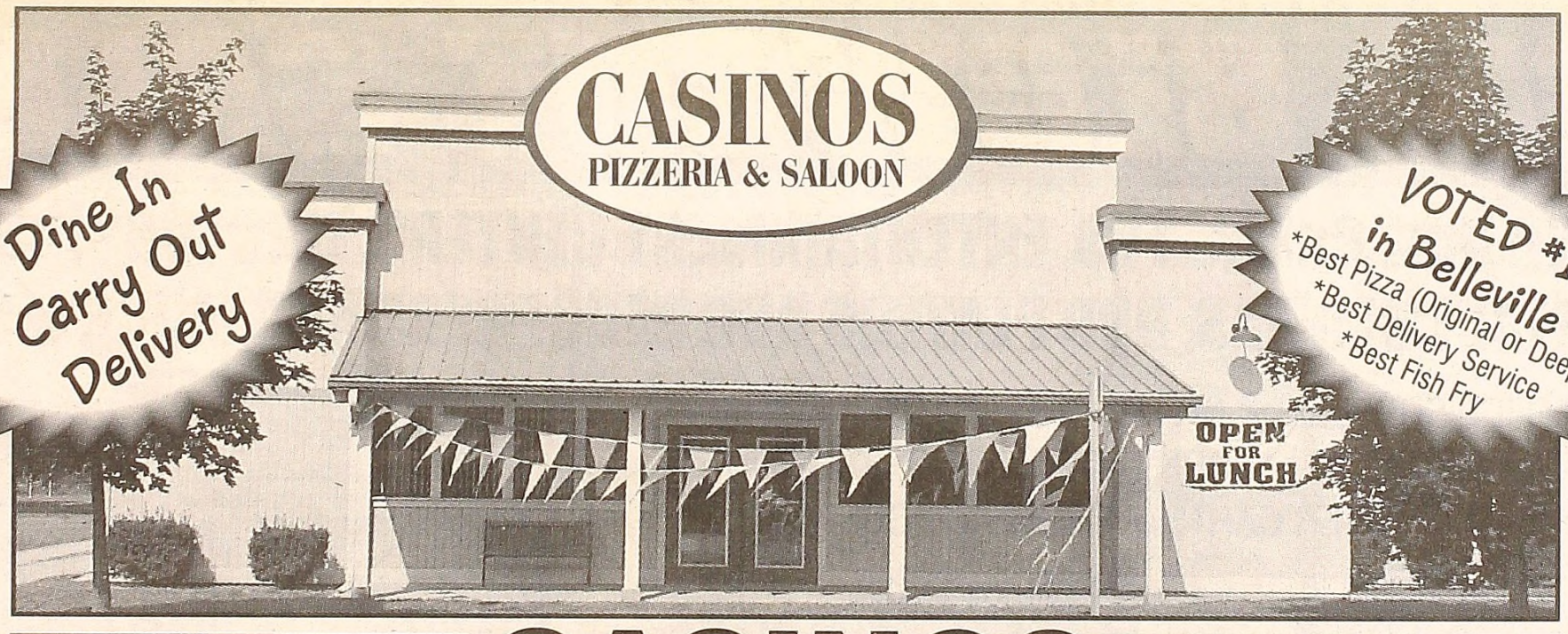

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Wayne County Fair continues this week

Andrea King
Staff Writer

There are still three days left to enjoy what the Wayne County Fair has to offer.

Although it has already begun, the Wayne County Fair in Belleville has plenty of events and activities for the public throughout the weekend. This year the fair will include live entertainment, crafts, tractor pulls, a demolition derby, bog races, carnival rides and other daily events.

The fair, located at 10871 Quirk Road, will be open from 2-11 p.m. today, 1 p.m. to midnight Aug. 20 and 11 a.m. to midnight Aug. 21.

Festival Organizer Karen Slebodnik said that there are many activities for visitors.

"We have so much going on. Between the demolition derby and the mud bog races, all and all, it's going to be a lot of fun," she said.

Slebodnik said that the fair is competing with the Michigan State Fair, but insists that the Wayne County Fair will be just as good.

The talent show search is always a nice show gathering the areas finest talent, according to Slebodnik. The talent search will take place every night of the fair starting at 6 p.m. Prizes include: first place award of $200 with a trophy, second place award of $100 and a trophy and a third place award of $50 and a trophy.

"Many local people who are now big names in the industry started out at the Wayne County Fair," said Slebodnik.

Area singers Josh Gracin, Rachel Williams, April Gibson and Tommi Williams are just a few, she said.

Slebodnik added that management agents usually attend the talent search looking out for someone with a fresh, new flair.

Today, individuals and businesses will have the opportunity to fill their freezers with individually raised market animals at 6:30 p.m. at the 4-H Livestock Auction. Auction bidding will be taken on chickens, geese, ducks, rabbits, turkeys, lambs, goats, hogs and beef.

The Demolition Derby will take place starting at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 20. The event will award prizes for the top three cars and the best looking car. Prizes include: $1,000 for first place, $300 for second place, $150 for third place and $50 for the best paint/best looking car.

The horse show, open to the public, will start at 9 a.m. Horses will be judged in three categories—14 years old and under, 15 years old and under and all ages—for the fitting and showing, jumps, walks and other special events.

The pet show will take place starting at noon on Aug. 21 at the youth and entertainment building. It is open to all youth ages 5-19. Pets cannot be larger than a dog, goat or sheep. Ferrets are not permitted.

The fair will end the main events with the mud bog races at 7 p.m. on Aug. 21.

The Wayne County Fair is $3 per person and the events are free. For more information about any of the events or activities, visit www.waynecountyfair.net.

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BUSINESS

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New business owners offer latest in computer services

John Counts
Staff Writer

The businesses in downtown Plymouth may have changed during the years, but one thing that has remained constant is the presence of Joanna Whitt's family.

Her brother, Jim Guy, owns and operates Plymouth Cabinetry. Two generations ago, her grandfather, Robert Lidgard, ran a butcher shop in Old Village, but the meat of his community involvement was serving as mayor of Plymouth, Whitt said.

Now, Whitt is joining that legacy in a very 21st century way. She and her husband, Steve, recently opened My Computer Guys of Michigan (MCG) at 942 W. Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth. They will be hosting a grand opening celebration from 9 a.m. until 10 p.m. on Friday.

According to Steve Whitt, the legacy was on their minds when they decided where they wanted to open the business they'd operated out of their basement for 3 years.

"It's one of the reasons we put the business in Plymouth, because of the family connection," he said.

Before beginning their own company, Steve Whitt was a network administrator at CSI and Joanna Whitt worked as a hairdresser in Westland. She said that it was quite an adjustment leaving the salon after 20 years and going into business with her husband.

> "Going from being creative to technical has been a learning experience."
>
> **Joanna Whitt**

"Going from being creative to technical has been a learning experience," she said.

Steve and Joanna Whitt will celebrate the grand opening of My Computer Guys in Old Village in Plymouth this Friday. The business offers global positioning devices for children, computer repair services and customized computer work.

Steve Whitt said one of the reasons he wanted to start his own company was because he had been trained in various kinds of computer programming, including Microsoft certification, but couldn't utilize the skills at his job.

"I learned a whole lot of different things and I wanted to use them," he said.

So, 3 years ago, he started MCG from his basement. Back then, they did mainly commercial computer networks, but have since branched off into residential networks, communications and security systems.

Whitt said that one of the distinctive things that they offer is a global positioning system for parents to easily locate their children. The device can be placed in something as simple as a wristwatch that a child can wear. And when the parent wants to know where their little rascal is, all they have to do is punch it up on a screen.

"When it comes time to absolutely know where your kids are, you can find them," he said.

The Whitts themselves have four girls, all accounted for at their Plymouth home.

Steve said MCG is different than other computer companies because it takes its customer's life into account.

"Our lifestyle management is what makes us unique. We customize around a person to give them a lot more time with their family," he said.

Basic services they provide include custom computer systems for home and office, off site data storage, systems training and in-home on-site repairs. They also deal in wireless, digital and cellular communications.

It may not be a butcher shop, but Joanna Whitt has no doubt that she is following in her family's footsteps.

"We kind of came back to our roots, I guess," she said.

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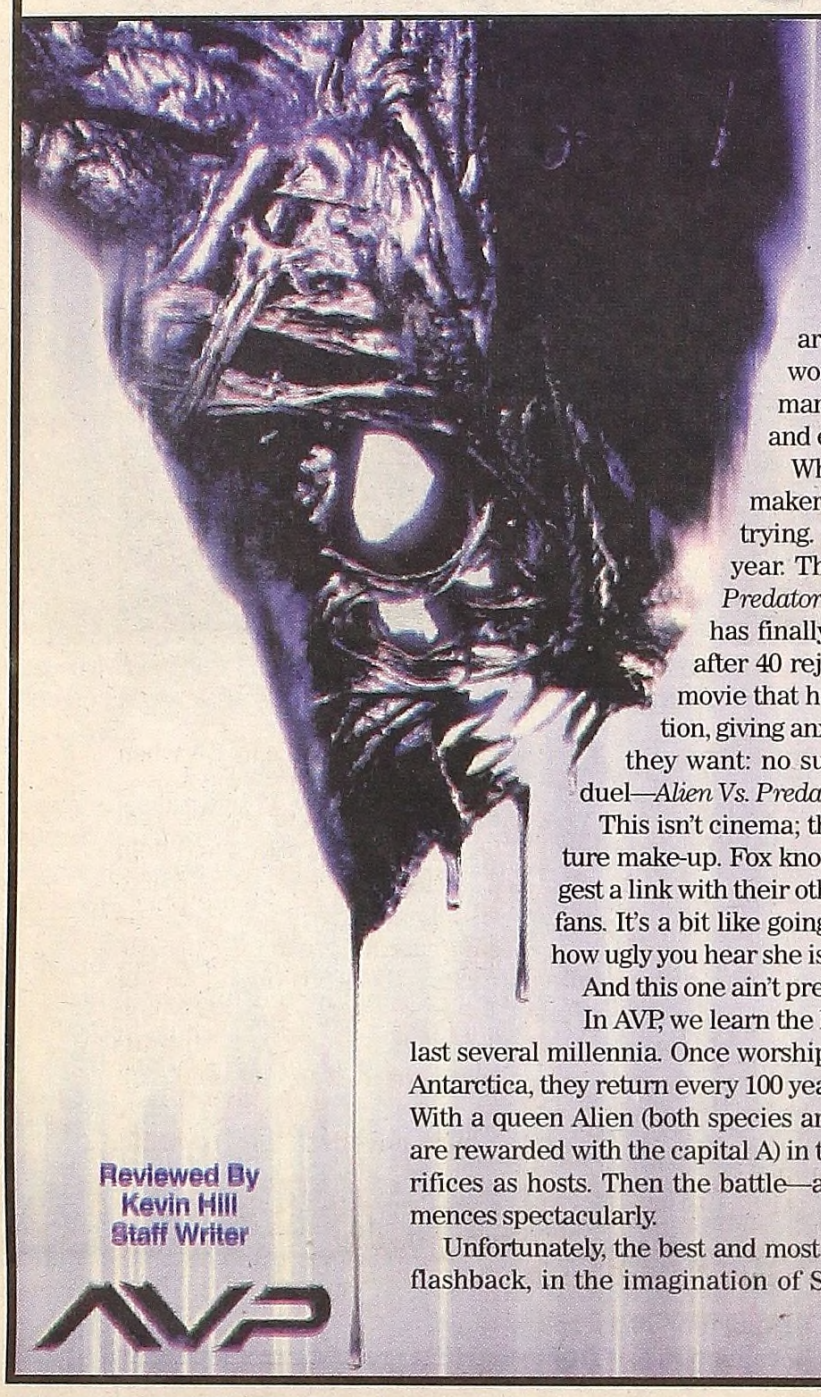

ALIEN VS PREDATOR

Audiences are victims of this contrived 'horror'

When filmmakers drop "vs." into the name of their movie, they are counting on two things, at least. The title, for one, will rumble wonderfully through the throat of the movie trailer voice-over man. More importantly, however, a "vs." title provides a handy and effective plot summary. The movie is a fight, nothing more.

When moviegoers see "vs." then, we should know the filmmakers are admitting to us from the start that they are hardly trying. Many learned this lesson with *Freddy Vs. Jason* last year. The rest will fall—some willingly—victim to *Alien Vs. Predator*, which opened last Friday. Twentieth Century Fox has finally pitted the two iconic monsters against each other after 40 rejected screenplays. The result of that tinkering is a movie that has done away with innovation and imagination, giving anxious fans of the two franchises only what they want: no surprises, just a pointless and absurd duel—*Alien Vs. Predator*, or "AVP," as the poster reads.

This isn't cinema; this is pay-per-view boxing in creature make-up. Fox knows that the movie needs only to suggest a link with their other beloved predecessors to draw obliging fans. It's a bit like going to see the new baby in the family, no matter how ugly you hear she is.

And this one ain't pretty.

In AVP, we learn the Predators have been regular visitors to Earth for the last several millennia. Once worshipped as gods by "the first civilization" on what is now Antarctica, they return every 100 years to a pyramid there, now 2,000 feet below the ice. With a queen Alien (both species are, in fact, aliens, but the serpent "xenomorphs" are rewarded with the capital A) in tow, they breed more Aliens using human sacrifices as hosts. Then the battle—a rite of passage for the Predators—commences spectacularly.

Unfortunately, the best and most epic clash in the movie takes place in flashback, in the imagination of Sebastian de Rosa (Raoul Bova), an

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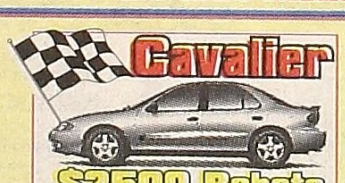
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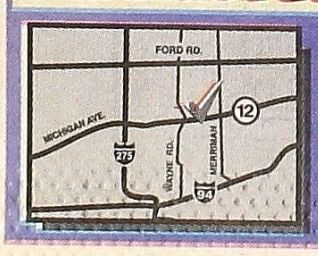

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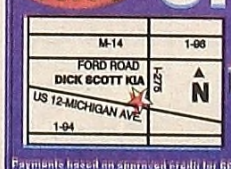

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THE SCENE

Garden State is worth a look

John Counts
Staff Writer

Small, quirky, personal films aren't usually written and directed by sitcom stars. Imagine if Kirk Cameron tried fictionalizing his story into an emotionally resonating movie at the height of *Growing Pains*? Or if Bea Arthur decided to cinematically express herself when *The Golden Girls* hit big?

Zach Braff, star of the NBC sitcom *Scrubs*, has achieved something unique with *Garden State*, a movie he wrote, directed and in which he stars. He has not only broken through the TV medium into film, but has done so in a sweet and heartfelt way, only risking being overly saccharine.

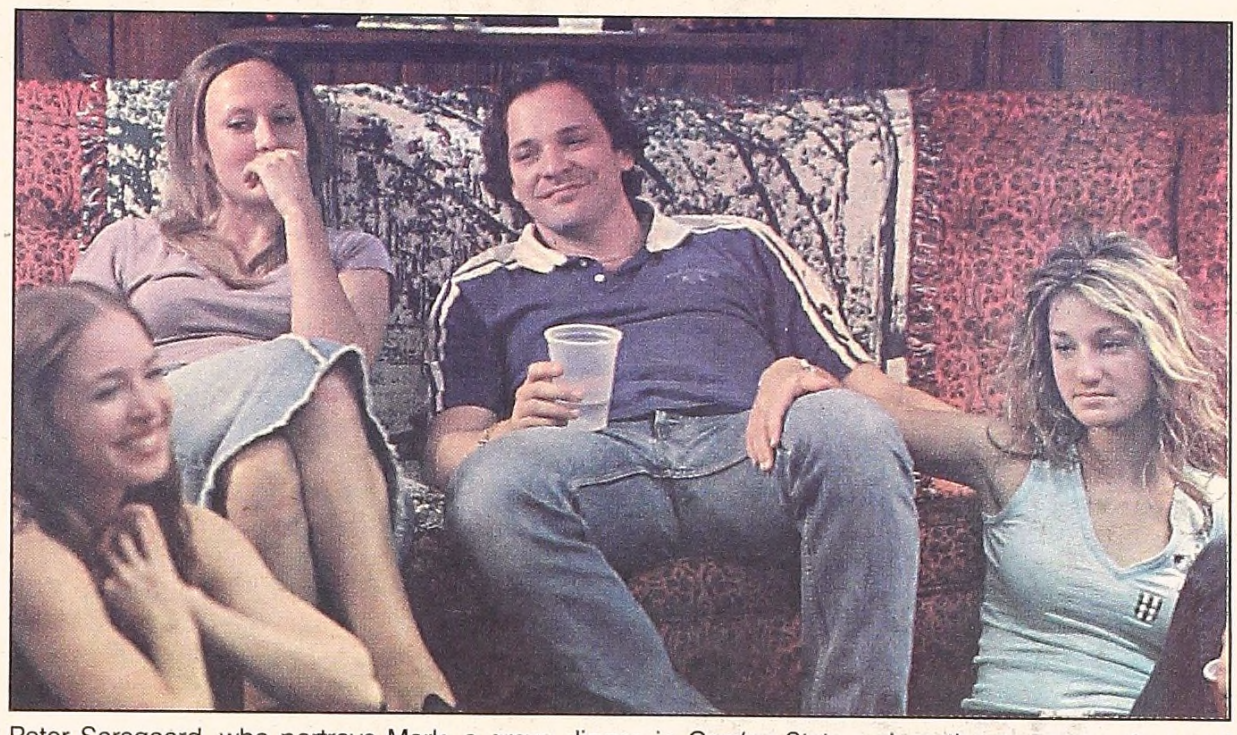
The movie is pretty simple. In a nutshell: young guy's mom dies, guy goes home for the funeral, guy hangs out with his old friends he hasn't seen in years, guy meets girl, guy falls in love, the end.

But this is the surface, and Braff doesn't seem as interested in surfaces as he does in states of being.

In Andrew Largeman's case, or Large, as his friends know him, it's emotional detachment and numbness where there seems no forward, only past and static present. We are to led to believe this is brought on by the lithium his estranged father (Ian Holm), a psychiatrist, has had him on since he was 9.

Large, like Braff who plays him, is an actor in LA. Unlike Braff, Large isn't a success yet—his most noteworthy role was a playing a handicapped quarterback in a TV movie-of-the-week, something his hometown friends won't let him forget. He works as a waiter and sucks down prescription drugs to make financial and emotional ends meet until he is called to come home to New Jersey when his mom dies. He, of course, hasn't been home in quite some time. He hangs out with old friends, Mark, (Peter Sarsgaard) a grave digger, and Albert, (Denis O'Hare) who made a fortune from inventing soundless Velcro and lives in a mansion with no furniture. While they haven't changed since high school, they have changed.

For the most part, though, Large needs to change himself. And he knows it. We've seen this post-adolescent malaise before—namely Benjamin Braddock in *The Graduate*. And if there's any doubt in the character, the tone and soundtrack of the movie resembles both Dustin Hoffman's classic and 1971's *Harold and Maude*, a movie Braff has cited as being an inspiration.



Peter Sarsgaard, who portrays Mark, a grave digger, in *Garden State*, enjoys the company of several young women during the film which was written, directed by and stars Zach Braff of *Scrubs* fame.

But while they were Braddock's future in *The Graduate*, the only reference to plastics in Garden State is in Large's past, specifically an important dishwasher latch that has to do with both his mother's death and his narcotic living—Large's fall from grace, if you will.

Braff offsets the detachment and drama with humorous scenes usually seen in young, suburban stoner comedies or romantic comedies, especially in the scenes with his bong-puffing friends and with wily Sam (Natalie Portman), who Large meets in the waiting room of a doctor's office. But throughout, Braff retains that Graduate melancholy, trying to "work through things" while he is at home.

Large's initial rebellion is leaving all his meds in LA when he heads home. This, he hopes, will allow him to finally feel real life as it is. And with some help from quirky, epileptic Sam, Large finally does emerge from his complacent haze to face life. He realizes there is no idyllic past or future, or 'garden state.' Life is, as Portman's character reminds him, here and now, cold and real.

Most of all, he realizes that, to revise novelist Thomas Wolfe, you can go home again because there might be something there worth finding.

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annoyingly quick-on-the-uptake scientist exploring the pyramid. He is part of a team thrown together quite hastily by billionaire Charles Bishop Weyland (Lance Henriksen) after one of Weyland's satellites reveals the extraordinary structure.

The cast seems to have been similarly assembled. There is nothing meaningful, smart or funny in this movie—which would be forgivable if it had any suspense or interesting action.

The first 30 minutes see Weyland and his team assemble and spew out formulaic plot and foreshadow ("In Italy, we call that a Hunter's Moon") before they all descend toward the pyramid, interfering with the hunt.

The monsters of this movie are underwhelming—we've all seen them before and there is nothing scary about them. We know this, writer-director Paul W.S. Anderson knows this, and his actors obviously know this, because we never see anything close to terror on any of their faces.

Instead, the humans give us lame, clichéd dialogue:

When the heroine Lex Woods (Sanaa Lathan) asks why a member of her team is bringing a gun to Antarctica, the latter replies: "It's like having a condom. I'd rather have it and not need it than need it and not have it."

When Woods discovers her only hope of survival is taking sides in the battle: "The enemy of my enemy is my friend."

And someone actually shouts to an Alien: "You wanna *piece-a me*?!"

The fights between our extra-terrestrials are composed mostly of very quick cuts and occasional slow-motion. We never see anything new or satisfying, and most of the action is so fast and close we can't tell what is happening until something is impaled. It's a pity because the monster effects are very good, especially the queen Alien.

AVP has too many faults, not the least of which was the concept. This movie was simply unnecessary. The studio, however, didn't let that stop them from squeezing the two franchises for everything they are worth. No doubt we will be saying the same things when the inevitable sequel is made.

But then, this movie is what a lot of people wanted. Though I was tempted to take the "Whoever wins, we lose" tagline literally, if ticket-buyers are happy just to see the two icons share a frame, it's really win-win for everyone.

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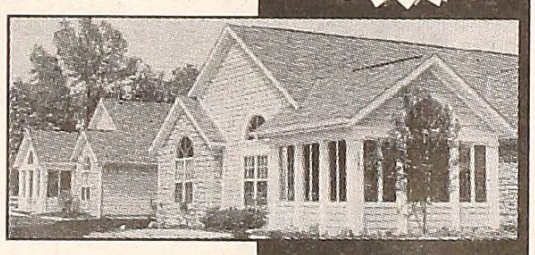
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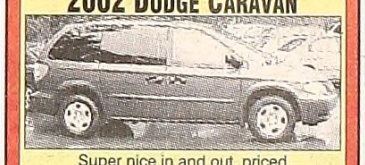
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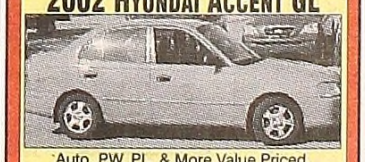
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THE SCENE

Community Band hits high notes throughout area

Andrea King
Staff Writer

The Belleville Community Band has come a long way since 1996. Co-founder Barb Fairman said that all it took was one phone call, and the rest as they say, is history.

"I got a call from Sandy Askew from the Belleville Area Council for the Arts asking me if I wanted to start a band in Belleville," said Fairman. "My response was 'of course'."

The group that started small has expanded to include more than 40 people who now call themselves part of the band. Together, the group produces a pop concert effect mixing classical pieces, marches and theme music with the help of their interim director Tim Miller. The community band is an all-age-group ranging from high school students up to senor citizens.

Fairman said that this year, the Belleville Community Band is incorporating new things into their performances such as a flute trio, flute quartet, horn trio, sax quartet and a bass quartet.

They don't like to limit themselves to Belleville residents only, but prefer to keep it open to the entire Belleville area, said Fairman.

"Our members come from Ann Arbor, Canton, Milan, Ypsilanti and even Rochester," she said. "That way we can tie in musicians from other bands, sharing them back and forth."

Currently, people can catch them playing the summer concert series at 3 p.m. in Belleville Victory Park. After that, audiences will not be able to enjoy their music until December.

"The Friday before Christmas we perform at the First United Methodist Church in Belleville," said Fairman. "That is usually our biggest group of musicians."

Fairman said that the relaxed atmosphere adds to the uniqueness of the band.

"With all the groups that I've played in, this is the most relaxed group of people," she said. "We get our work done with an outcome of music that is a nice mixture of hard to easy pieces. You're not coming out of rehearsals exhausted and you don't feel pressured. You go in and do your best."

And Fairman, who plays the piccolo and the flute, has a lot of other band experience to compare with the Belleville Community Band. She has performed in or is currently still performing in: the Ypsilanti Community Band, B'roque Ensemble, Ann Arbor Messiah Sing Along Orchestra, the Plymouth Community Band and the Michigan Flute Orchestra.

In fact music, she said, is her entire life.

She works at Flute World in Farmington Hills, teaches private music lessons, sings and still finds time to be involved in other projects, like her current role as president of the Belleville Area Council for the Arts.

"Although I've been playing music since I was 10 years old, in college I didn't intend on it being a career," she said. "I'm still amazed by how many people I've met in the music world."

Fairman said that the Belleville Community Band audience is growing, getting a big following at every concert.

"People will show up at 1 p.m. to have a seat for our show. They get out there that early," she said.

In the future, Fairman said that she sees the band progressing forward, too.

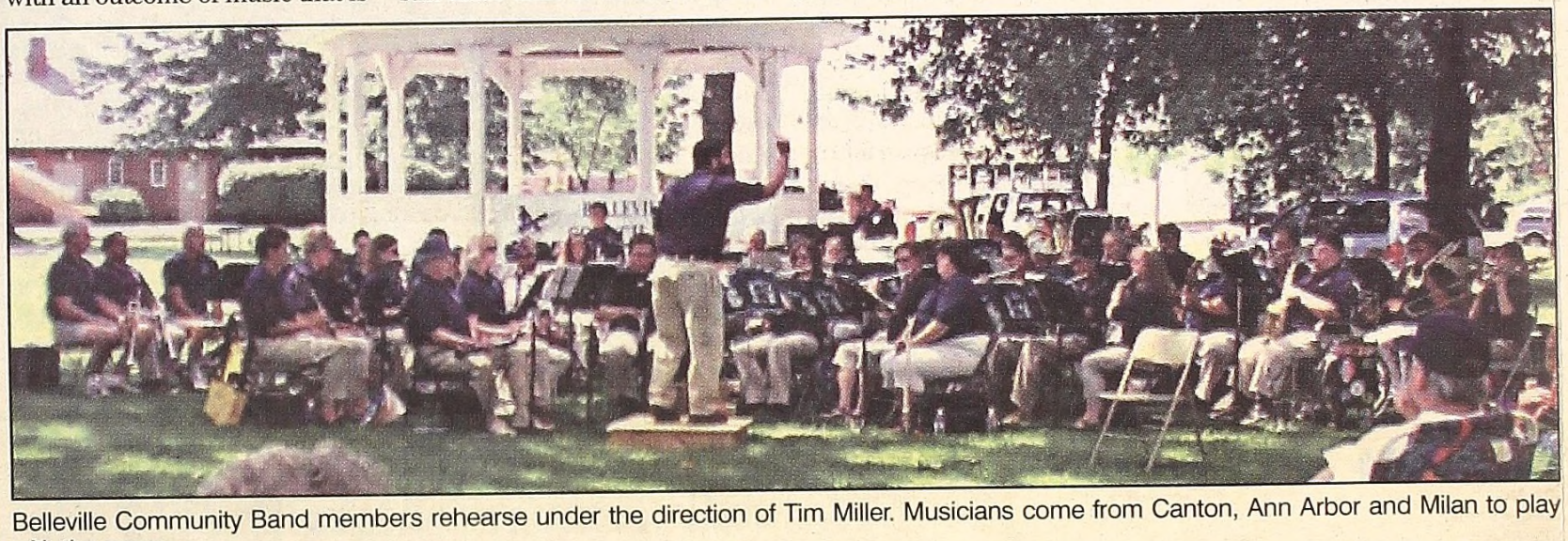
"There are always new people coming into the area," she said. "Not only that, but now that we are getting established, the people who have played in the band before keep coming back, especially the high school students who grow up with the band. It's a group that I see will keep going and going."

She added that she would be delighted to be a part of that.

"I'd be thrilled if the group kept going for another 20 years," said Fairman. "As long as I can play, and as long as I'm in the area, I will be a part of it."

The Belleville Community Band last summer performance will be Aug. 22, but their search for new members never ends.

"People can still join anytime. We are happy to have new musicians volunteer their time and skill," said Fairman.



Belleville Community Band members rehearse under the direction of Tim Miller. Musicians come from Canton, Ann Arbor and Milan to play with the group.

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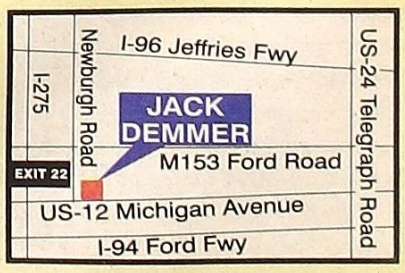

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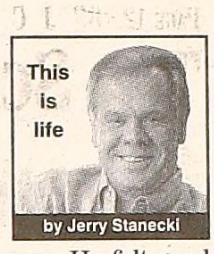

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"What's your name?"

"Kimberley."

She ordered coffee to go, so did he.

She was picking up food for fellow employees. He walked with her.

"A bagel with cream cheese," she said.

"That will be $2.11 please."

"What? Two dollars and 11 cents?"

The clerk looked shocked.

"I paid 75 cents last week," Kimberley said.

"They probably forgot to charge for the cream cheese," said the man who filled the order.

"I will never buy another bagel here," Kimberley announced. "That's outrageous."

He felt embarrassed for her.

At the corner he asked her last name.

She told him.

"Would you like to get together?" he asked.

"Call me," she replied.

He called. She returned his call and seemed warm and receptive.

"Shall we do something tomorrow night?" he asked.

"Can't," she said. "I have to go to a client's home."

"Saturday?"

"Movies with my 15 year-old daughter."

He remembered a community theater was presenting the rock opera: *Tommy*, and told Kimberley about it.

"Maybe the three of us could go, your daughter'd probably enjoy that."

"I'll run it by her,"

Later, as he thought about the invite, he determined he'd been a bit hasty, perhaps presumptuous. A lot of divorced women, he knew, didn't want their children to see men mom dated to avoid more anxiety for the child. It was something he agreed with.

He called Kimberley back.

"Can I call you back?" she asked.

"Perhaps it'd be easier, if you called after work," he said.

"That'd be great, I'll call," she told him, and added, "I promise I'll call."

Strange, he thought, why would she add, "I promise"? That sounds like something you'd do when you don't mean it.

His intuition was right. She didn't call back that night, or the next day.

He called and left a message saying he felt he may have been presumptuous including the daughter with his invite and wanted to explain."

He never heard from her again.

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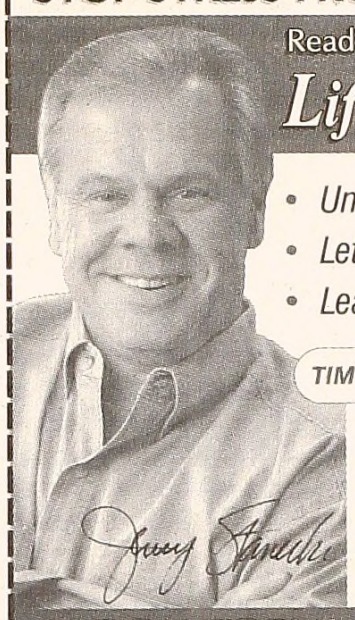

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Romulus, MI 48174
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08/25/04
At 10:00 am.

1992 Oldsmobile
2 Door
1G3WH14T4ND306583
1992 Geo
4 Door
1Y1SK5461NZD33084
1987 Dodge
4 Door
JB3BA36K7HU056152
1994 Dodge
4 Door
3B3AA4631RT265618
1988 Plymouth
Station Wagon
1P3BP49D4JF105978
1992 Ford
4 Door
1FACP50U8NG198016
1984 Chrysler
4 Door
1C3BT56G5EC279070
1988 Ford
Pickup Truck
1FTCR14A9JPA37083
1994 Ford
Station Wagon
1FMDU34X2RUD87943
1989 Pontiac
4 Door
1G2AJ51W6K6237274
1990 Dodge
2 Door
1B3XP44D6LN147544
1990 BMW
WBAAA131XLAE57912
1986 Buick
4 Door
1G4NJ69L4GM235356
1986 Ford Probe
2 Door
1ZVBT20C6K5152406
1978 Corsair
Motor Home
7M8C0R225C1361
1992 Ford
Pickup
1FTCR10U0NTA36224
1994 Ford
Station Wagon
1FMDA31U1RZB12280
1989 Chevrolet
4 Door
1G1BN51E2KA100978
1989 Toyota Celica
2 Door
JT2ST66C6K7357870
1982 Cadillac
4 Door
1G6AB6985C9187796
1993 Toyota Camry
4 Door
4T1SK13E6PU300043
1987 Mercury
2 Door
1MEBM6030HH638433
1993 Chevrolet Cavalier
2 Door
1G1JC1447P7104266
1991 Ford
Station Wagon
1FMDA31U5MZA66364
1988 Chevrolet
Station Wagon
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1989 Chevrolet
Station Wagon
1GNDM15ZXKB144544
1988 Ford
Pickup
1FTCR14T5JPB16977
1989 Ford
2 Door
1FABP41A2KF311227
2002 Dodge Carvan
Station Wagon
2B4GP2430YR687313

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J & T Crova Towing
36573 Grant St.
Romulus, MI 48174
734-941-0221
August 25th, 2004
9:00 AM
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1997 Dodge Ram
Van-White
2B7HB21Y9VK573370
1991 Ford Escort
4 Door-White
1FAPP14J7MW376349
1978 Ford F-150
Pickup Truck-Gray
F15HLBA7544

The second auction will begin promptly at 11:00a.m. at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Rd, Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

1989 Honda Prelude
2 Door-Black
JHMBA4234KC002628
1994 Ford Econoline
Van-Black
1FDEE14H4RHA38273
1992 Dodge Spirit
4 Door-White
1B3XA7630NF116715
2002 Jeep Liberty
Station Wagon-Blue
1J4GL48K72W276124
1991 Toyota Camry
4 Door-White
JT2SV21E3M3447211
1989 Ford Escort
4 Door-Blue
1FAPP959XKW229880
1989 Plymouth Reliant
4 Door-Blue
1P3BK46D2KC472609
1994 Pontiac Grand Am
4 Door-Purple
1G2NE55M9RC793010
1992 Ford Taurus
4 Door-Tan
1FACP5347NG113307

The third auction will begin promptly at 12:00pm at Scotts Towing, 1000 Savage Rd., Belleville, MI County of Wayne, where the following vehicle will be offered for sdale to the highest bidder:

1991 Jeep Cherokee
Station Wagon-Red
1J4FJ87SXML544128

All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

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2FTHF26H4JCA09241
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Convertible-Gray

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1B3XC46RXND707739
1994 Mercury
4 Door
1MEPM36X9RK618586
1990 Mercury Topaz
4 Door
1MEPM36XXLK539602
1986 Oldsmobile
4 Door
2G3GM69A6G2332373
1991 Ford
Van
1FTDA34X5MZA36940
1997 Ford Aerostar
Station Wagon
1FMDA11UXVZA37769
1993 Geo
4 Door
1Y1SK5363PZ015562
1995 Mercury Mystique
4 Door
1MELM6536SK627038
1996 Saturn SL2
4 Door
1G8ZK5277TZ120154
1990 Honda Civic
4 Door
1HGED3651LL026352

1995 Plymouth Neon
4 Door
3P3ES47C1ST600264
1990 Audi 80
4 Door
WAUEA58A8LA125983
1989 Ford
4 Door
1FABP50U4KG268067
1990 Oldsmobile
2 Door
1G3CW54C5L4310980
1994 Dodge
Pickup
1B7FL26X4RW124882
1989 Ford
Pickup
1FTDF15Y5KLB45816
1993 Ford
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1FALP5248PG244900

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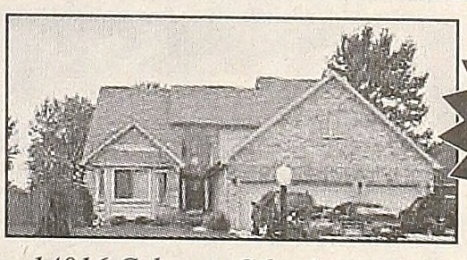

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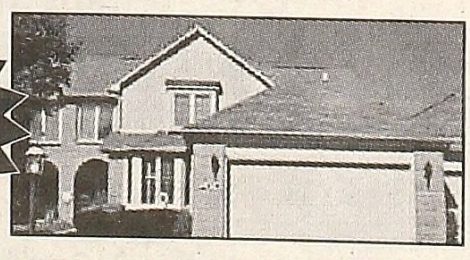

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American legend

Mustang club joins 'Wheelfest' parade

Scott Spielman
Editor

One of the original American muscle cars will take the spotlight next Friday, during the annual Wheelfest Parade in Wayne.

The summer event actually starts Thursday night, but the parade typically signals the official kick off for the event as it travels along Glenwood Road to Wayne Road to Sims Avenue. It starts at 6 p.m.

This year, organizers of the festival have tapped into another anniversary to provide the theme for the automobiles in the parade and the car show following it: the 40th anniversary of the Ford Mustang.

"They're great cars," said Jim Demmer of Jack Demmer Ford, who is sponsoring the Friday night car show. "Almost everyone has a story about a Mustang. It started a trend. It's influenced a lot in our culture."

Festival Commission members approached Demmer about the idea as they planned the annual event, he said. It was a relatively easy project to get under way, too. Demmer also sponsors the southeastern Michigan chapter of the Special Vehicle Team Owner's Association (SVTOA), a group of Ford enthusiasts.

"There are a lot of Mustang owners in that group, so it was a good place to start," he said. "It was easy to get involved."

He said he expects about 50 mustangs of various years to take part in the event, although it is always dependent on the weather. His own 1968 Mustang is currently being restored, so that won't be a part of the parade, but he said other limited editions and classic versions of the American roadster would be.

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The Mustang has been a popular part of the company for a variety of reasons, he said.

"I think it's the car's personality," he said. "It's been an easily accessible car and it's always been easy to personalize."

Of course, Mustangs won't be the only type of cars in the parade, according to Rick Turk, a long-time member of the Wheelfest Committee.

"There will be other kinds of cars, too," he said. "We want to keep it open to everyone."

The parade ends near Goudy Park, where the Wheelfest will take place. That night, Sarah Lenore will perform from 7:30-8:30 p.m. on the main stage and the Fabulous Motown Entertainers will take the stage from 9:30 – 11 p.m.

The car show will go on from 7:30 –9 p.m. Registration is $10 and several awards will be presented, according to Demmer. It's one of several shows that will take place in conjunction with the Wheelfest, which runs from Aug. 26-29.

The Chevelle Club of Michigan is hosting a classic car preview show and cruise on Saturday, Aug. 28 at the Metro Mall, with a check-in beginning at 6:30 p.m. The classic car show takes place on Sunday.

The Friday night show will also serve as a fundraiser, according to Demmer. The SVTOA is a registered non-profit and typically donates the proceeds of their events. Last year, money went to the Starfish Family Services. This year, the Wayne Parks and Recreation Foundation will be the recipient. There are several fund-raising efforts going to pay for the refurbishment of some city parks, and it seemed a good fit, according to Demmer.

"We're just in it to have fun," he said. "We don't need to make money."

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'Talent' sought for Halloween play

Valerie Betke
Staff Writer

A new director has been selected for the production of *Dracula* at the Wayne Theater.

Amy Lucas, who has long been associated with the theater, will helm the show, which opens two days before Halloween.

This will be Lucas' second time in the role of director, she said. She directed another production about four years ago.

She has been involved in community theater in Wayne for 8 years, and has been singing and dancing since the age of 5. She graduated from John Glenn High School in Westland and won a Fine Arts Scholarship to study theater.

The play follows the traditional plot of Dracula tales, but is very seductive, Lucas said. The play was written by Steven Reitz

Auditions are not limited to Wayne residents and performers – from teens to senior citizens—are needed. There is no cost to participate, said Lucas. Auditions will take place at the theater at 7 p.m. on Aug. 23, and 24. It will be a cold reading, but dress comfortably for the movement exercises that will be done, the director advised.

Lucas said she needs to fill the roles of five males and two females, as well as several non-singing chorus members who will play several small parts. The show opens on Oct. 29 and 30, and the following weekend dates are Nov. 5, 6, and 7. For more information, contact the theater at (734) 728-7469.

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OBITS

TIPTON, Lawrence G.

Lawrence G. Tipton, 55, of Romulus, died Aug. 10.

Among his survivors are his wife, Karen, a son, Caleb, and his mother-in-law, Dorothy Wharton.

Funeral services were at Michigan Memorial Funeral Home in Huron Township

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park.

CONKLIN, Francis M.

Francis M. Conklin, 79, a life-long resident of Sumpter Township, died Aug. 10.

Among his survivors are his children, Keith (Cindy) Conklin of New Boston, Verna Montie of Belleville, Pamela Conklin of Romulus, Sharon Saulsgiver and Julie Ann Conklin of Detroit; sisters, Violet (Larry) Lumetta and Betty (Bud) Horste; brothers, Russell (Connie) Conklin and William (Eunice) Conklin; 13 grandchildren, and dozens of great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with the Rev. Tom Burdette officiating.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

PARKER, Julia Elizabeth

Julia Elizabeth Parker, 78, of Jerome, formerly of Allen Park, died Aug. 11.

Among her survivors are her children, Barbara (Doug) Doty of Belleville, Kathy (Terry) Finch of Warsaw, IND and Sandie (Gary) Custer of Jerome; a sister, Florence Schmidt of Florida; eight grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville with the Rev. John N. Grenfell III officiating.

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD AUGUST 2, 2004 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ROMULUS CITY HALL, 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Pro Tem Randolph Gear.
Present: LeRoy Burcroff, William Crova, Randolph Gear, Michael Prybyla, Debbie Romak, William Wadsworth.

Excused: Charles Miller.
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Alan Lambert, Mayor
Linda R. Choate, CMC,
Clerk
Pamela Morrison Kersey, CMFA, Treasurer

1. Motion by Romak, supported by Crova to approve the agenda as amended.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-331

2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held July 26, 2004.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays -None. Abstain -Gear. Motion Carried.

04-332

3A. Motion by Romak, supported by Wadsworth to approve (1) the Resolution Granting Special Use Approval pursuant to Section 4.21 of the Zoning Ordinance, Approval Conditions and Acceptance of Approval and Conditions Imposed, and (2) the Conveyance Agreement Subject to Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions Intended to Run with Land, as presented to the Council, and to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute such documents on behalf of the City, subject to and in accordance with the following:

1). The Mayor, in the exercise of reasonable discretion, working with appropriate City Staff and City consultants under the Mayor's direction, is authorized to implement the intent of the Council in this approval by finalizing all exhibit and ancillary papers and documents necessary or expedient to complete and carry out this approval, and to proceed with the closing for the execution and delivery of documents by the City and MID Romulus, and the Mayor and Clerk are authorized to execute all of such documents so finalized on behalf of the City.

2). The Administration and City Council intend to proceed without undue delay with an amendment of the City's Gathering Ordinance, which shall be of general application in the City, and shall govern special events on the land which is the subject matter of the special land use approved in the Resolution authorized by this Motion. It is contemplated that the Ordinance, as amended, will make provision for certain events to be pre-approved, and also make provision for an expeditious review and approval of additional special events to be applied for by the owner of the special land use, and the Administration shall invite the owner to have reasonable input on the preparation of the ordinance.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - Gear, Burcroff. Motion Carried.

04-333

3B. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Romak to vacate both Venoy and Raftaty Roads between Smith and Wick Roads contingent upon the following provisions as submitted by legal counsel Gerald Fisher:

1). The effectiveness of both vacations **is** subject to the finalization of the Resolution and Conveyance Agreement documentation, an the execution of such documentation on behalf of both the City and MID Romulus; and

2) In addition, the vacation of Raftary **shall** not become effective until after the recordation of the deed from the City to MID of the Raftary Road property in accordance with the Conveyance Agreement.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Crova, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - Gear, Burcroff. Motion Carried.

04-334

4A.Motion by Romak, supported by Prybyla to adopt a resolution acknowledging the 25th Anniversary of the Romulus Historical Society.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-335

4B. Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Mrs. Sarah Stephens.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Romak, supported by Crova to accept the Chairman's Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

5A. *Deleted.

04-336

6A 1. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Burcroff to concur with the recommendation of the Property Disposition Committee and approve purchase of parcel 80 050 01 0027 000 from the Wayne County Treasurer (due to tax delinquency) in the amount of $1,222.46; per the City of Romulus Ordinance, this parcel will be offered for redemption to the previous property owner.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

12. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Romak to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

I, Linda R. Choate, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held August 2. 2004.

Linda Choate
City Clerk

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Sports

Open division winners Peter Bedder (left), runner-up; Sky McBeth, overall champion; and Jon Barber, third place, show off their awards from the 2004 City Championship Golf Tournament hosted by the City of Wayne Parks and Recreation Department at the Gateway Golf Club in Romulus.

Wayne hosts city golf championship

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The City of Wayne Parks and Recreation Department hosted the 2004 City Championship Golf Tournament last week.

The tournament, in its 10th year, took place at the Gateway Golf Club in Romulus.

Three-time champion Sky McBeth of Troy successfully defended his crown for the fourth straight Overall Champion with rounds of 72-79-151. Sky held off Commerce Township's Bill Armstrong who scored an 81-74-155 for second overall in the tournament. He also won the Senior Division.

Keith Kiesznowski regained the Wayne title by defeating Robert Clark with a 77-86-163. It was his sixth Wayne Championship win in the past seven years. Clark finished with rounds of 78-87-165.

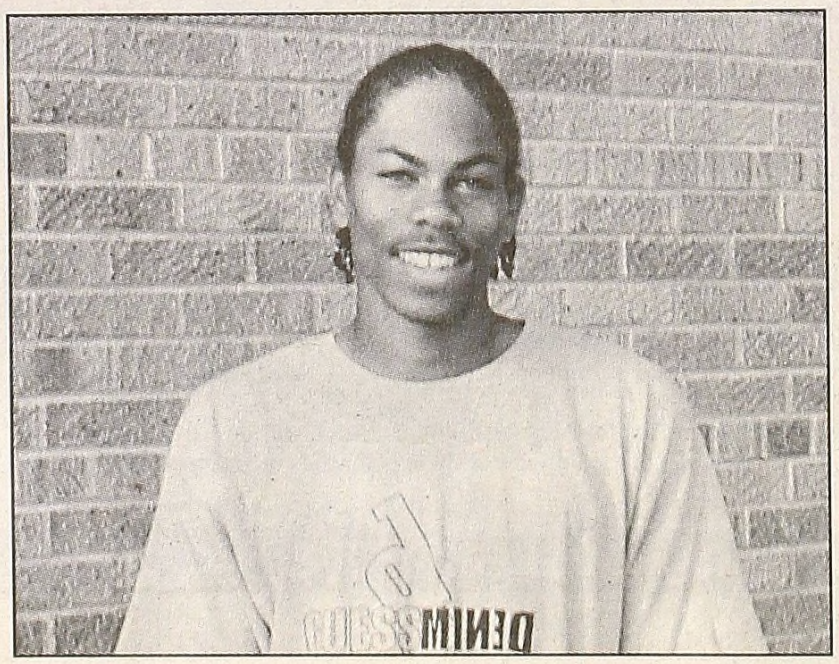
In the Women's Division, Sandy Felan won her second Championship with scores of 78-85-163.

Other notable winners were Bob Sandberg who won the Canton Division (72-86-158) and Chris Tompkins who placed third overall in the Westland Division (82-75-157).

The highlight of the tournament came on Sunday when Canton's Woody Breish nailed a hole-in-one from 155 yards out on the par-three fifth hole.

2004 City Championship Golf Tournament Results

Bill Hawley – Tom Mooradian Trophy Winner (Overall Medallist): Sky McBeth (72-79-151).
Lenny Anderson Trophy Winner (Wayne Champion): Keith Kiesznowski (77-86-163).
Wayne Championship Runner-Up: Robert Clark (78-87-165).
Wayne Championship 3rd Place: Charles Roland (82-96-178).
Wayne 1st Flight Champion: Rick Stoner (85-81-166).
Wayne 1st Flight Runner-Ups: Charles Kline (84-87-171), Bill Hawley (86-85-171).
Wayne 2nd Flight Champion: Ken Lamb (90-90-180)
Wayne 2nd Flight Runner-Ups: Doug Tompkins (90-93-183), Ivan Jimenez (93-90-183).
Westland Champion: Chris Tompkins (82-75-157).
Westland Championship Runner-Up: Earl Kent (81-79-160)
Westland Championship 3rd Place: Mike Tolson (84-78-161).
Westland 1st Flight Champion: Roger Hayes (94-90-184).
Westland 1st Flight Runner-Up: Bob Porter (97-88-185).
Westland 1st Flight 3rd Place: Tim Phillips (90-99-189).
Open Champion: Sky McBeth: 74-70-144)
Open Championship Runner-Up: Peter Bedder (76-86-161).
Open Championship 3rd Place: Jon Barber (78-83-162).
Open 1st Flight Champion: Bill Armstrong (81-74-155).
Open 1st Flight Runner-Up: Greg Gliha (81-79-160).
Open 1st Flight 3rd Place: Charles Cross (81-83-164).
Open 2nd Flight Champion: Robert Bedder (86-78-164).
Open 2nd Flight Runner-Up: Rudy Rosas (92-78-170).
Open 2nd Flight 3rd Place: Mike Staneff (89-103-192).
Senior Division Champion: Bill Armstrong (81-74-155).
Senior Division Runner-Up: Earl Kent (81-79-160).
Senior Division 3rd Place: Rick Stoner (85-81-166).
Canton Champion: Bob Seldberg (72-86-158).
Canton Runner-Up: Ken Eck (79-80-159).
Canton 3rd Place: Eric Spencer (80-82-162).
Women's Open Division Champion: Sandy Felan (78-85-163).
Women's Open Division Runner-Up: Michelle Crimboli.
Women's Open Division 3rd Place: Virginia King.



Gearing up

Romulus High School senior Daniel Kinney placed second in the 110-meter high hurdles competition at the State Class 'A' Championships in Grand Rapids this past spring. He is expected to be an important offensive threat for the Romulus Eagles football team this fall as a wide receiver.

Whalers Knight, Liffiton sign professional contracts

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

After three seasons with the Plymouth Whalers, Alex Roberts, assistant general manager and associate coach for the team, resigned from the organization last week.

He said he has decided to pursue an opportunity in private business.

Roberts joined the team three years ago after working for four seasons as an assistant coach for the United States National Development Team Program in Ann Arbor. Before that, he coached in 1996 with the Chicago Wolves of the International Hockey League (IHL).

He played collegiate hockey for the University of Michigan from 1986-90 before going professional.

"I wish (Roberts) all the best in his new endeavors," said Mike Vellucci, the Whalers' president, general manager and head coach. "He was an asset to the organization and he will be missed. I have said numerous times what a great job Alex has done. I would not have been able to do my job of running the organization without the work he has done."

> *(Liffiton) is one of our organization's top defensive prospects with a nice combination of size and strength.*
>
> **Glen Sather**

In a move up the ladder, former assistant coach Todd Watson was promoted to Whalers' assistant general manager and will remain an assistant coach, according to Vellucci.

The Vellucci-Watson connection goes back several years. Watson worked with Vellucci when they were with the Detroit Compuware Ambassadors of the North American Hockey League (NAHL) as assistant general manager and assistant coach of the team in 1996. He took over the general manager and head coaching roles of the Ambassadors from 1999-2002 when Vellucci was named president of the Whalers in 2000. Watson was promoted to Whalers assistant coach at the beginning of last year.

Former Red Wing player Greg Stefan has added the label of Director of Player Development to his role as an assistant coach with the Whalers. Stefan played professionally with the Red Wings from 1986-90 and is now on his second stint with the Whalers. He originally joined the Whalers coaching staff in 1993. After working as a player agent, he rejoined the team as an assistant in 2002.

"I've worked with Todd Watson for nearly 10 years, both in the NAHL and now the Ontario Hockey League," Vellucci said. "He's a quality young coach who brings passion to the ring. Greg Stefan brings the same passion and enthusiasm to the rink, too. We're excited to have them both on board in expanded roles."

Knight goes pro in the United Hockey League

Plymouth Whalers defenseman Mike Knight signed a contract to play professional hockey with the United Hockey League (UHL) Richmond RiverDogs for the 2004-05 season. He is the first rookie signed by the 'Dogs for the upcoming season.

Knight spent three seasons in the Ontario Hockey League (OHL) where he played with the Belleville Bulls for two and half seasons before he was traded to the Plymouth Whalers. The 6-foot, 186-pound defenseman scored seven goals (one with Plymouth) and notched 14 assists (three with Plymouth) for 21 points (four with Plymouth) last season. He also earned 72 penalty minutes (40 with Plymouth) in 61 games (27 with Plymouth) last year.

Knight, who won't be 20 until after training camp begins, will give up his final year of junior eligibility.

Liffiton signs professional contract with New York Rangers

Plymouth Whalers defenseman David Liffiton signed a professional contract to play for the New York Rangers. The terms of the deal were not disclosed.

Liffiton, 19, played 44 games for the Whalers last season and scored two goals and assisted on nine others for a total of 11 points. He racked up 85 penalty minutes, sixth on the team, and served as an assistant captain for the team. Liffiton also contributed in nine playoff games for the Whalers, where he collected another 12 penalty minutes.

"(Liffiton) is one of our organization's top defensive prospects with a nice combination of size and strength," said Glen Sather, the New York Rangers' president and general manager. "He plays a physical game and handles himself with confidence in all game situations. We look forward to his continued development at the professional level."

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Whalers

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The 6-foot, 2-inch, 202-pounder hails from Windsor, Ontario and has played in 170 games with the Whalers. In that time, he has registered 10 goals and 29 assists for 39 points, along with 289 penalty minutes. His post-season record consists of 33 games with one goal and three assists for four points and 41 penalty minutes. Liffiton also participated in the 2003 Canadian Hockey League (CHL) Top Prospects Game for Team Orr.

Liffiton was originally Colorado's first choice (63rd overall) in the 2003 National Hockey League (NHL) Entry Draft. He was acquired by the Rangers, along with a second round draft choice in the 2004 NHL Entry Draft, David Shantz (later traded to Florida) and defenseman Chris McAllister from the Colorado Avalanche in exchange for right wing Mathew Barnaby and a third round selection, Denis Parshin, in the 2004 NHL Entry Draft on March 8.

Whalers Training Camp set for Sept. 1

After the Whaler's annual golf outing on Aug. 31 at Northville Hills, veterans, rookies and free agents will report to the Compuware Sports Arena on Wednesday, Sept. 1.

Scrimmages will start Tuesday, Sept.2 with Blue-White scrimmages at 9-11 a.m. and 3:30-5:30 p.m.

The Blue and White will scrimmage again at the same times on Friday, Sept. 3. Then, they will host the Windsor Spitfires in the first exhibition game at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 4 in Plymouth. Plymouth will then head to South Windsor Arena at 2 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 6 before their regular season kicks off at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 24 in Sarnia. The Whalers' home opener will be against the Saginaw Spirit at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 25.

Sport events

Whalers to host golf outing

The Plymouth Whalers will host their Seventh Annual Players Education Fund Golf-Outing at the Northville Hills Golf Course on Tuesday, Aug. 31. The costs for the event are: four-person team, $900; individual (or fewer than four persons) $250 per person; banquet only tickets $35; hole-sponsor sign, $350;corporate sponsor, $1,250; beverage cart sponsorship, $1,500 and a golfer gift sponsor, $3,000. All golfers will receive 18 holes of golf with power cart, continental breakfast, full use of golf range, putting green and locker facilities, complimentary beverages on course, banquet with lunch buffet and special awards, Plymouth Whalers 2004 custom golf shirt, corporate partner hole-in-one prize opportunities and a corporate sponsor special gift.

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